

CHOSE BIGAMY OVER MONOGAMY

Laban may have deceived and tricked Jacob, but he didn't God. Therefore Rom.8:28 can apply to Jacob's situation.

Do you remember what God told Jacob at Bethel just before arriving at Haran?

(Gen.28:15) "Behold, I am with you and will keep you whatever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." (Gen.28:13-15)

<p style="text-align: center;">This lesson will study <u>five aspects</u> of Jacob's decision to CHOSE BIGAMY OVER MONGAMY</p>

1. The **directive will of God** always works with three important categories: (Rom.4:21)

- Geographical will
- Mental will
- Operational will

Jacob is the patriarchal heir of the Messianic seed of the Abrahamic Covenant.

This is why inhale and exhale of Categorical Bible Doctrine is important to the believer in angelic conflict (2 Tim.3:16-17).

(Eph.5:15-17) "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men **but as wise**, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. **So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**"

Principle: God made it easy for Jacob regarding God's will for a wife and mother of messianic seed.

2. **God reduced Jacob's choice to ONE and only ONE wife (monogamy).**

God prepared Jacob for this decision at Bethel, by Jacob's Ladder. Heaven came down and glory filled his soul.

Unfortunately, Jacob over-ruled God's Directive Will (God's choice).

Why did God permit it? It teaches the importunacy of human volition in Angelic Conflict. It also teaches the Permissive and Over-Ruling wills of God in the Plan of God.

Once the Directive will of God is revealed to the spiritually advancing believer, it is no longer just the believer's will, versus God's. It is now fair game in the Angelic Conflict. Satan's will verse God's will, and which ever WILL the believer accepts (Matt.16:23; 2 Cor.11:3).

Satan's will is always in conflict with God's! Jacob chose to go against God's directive will of a wife. Jacob felt justified and blamed Laban and became disoriented to the plan of God for his life in marriage.

When God's plan no longer fit Jacob's, Jacob threw God's out! We call this operation flesh (Rom.8:5-8) **[Worldly Thinking]** Jacob chose sight over faith (2 Cor.5:7). By doing so, Jacob went AWOL to the plan of God.

3. **Once married, Jacob should have adjusted to the over-ruling will of God.**

He should have taken spiritual responsibility for his relationship with God and others.

- He should acknowledge Rachel as a special friend and sister-in-law.
- He should have explained to Rachel that it didn't work out for either of them in the plan of God and wish her the best.

Unfortunately, Jacob refused to acknowledge the directive will of God of Leah as his **bride-wife**; and instead acknowledged Leah as his **bribe-wife** and treated her as such.

Doctrinal principle: False assumptions lead to false interpretations lead to false expectations lead to false applications.

4. **God brought Leah to Jacob like God brought Eve to Adam (Gen.2:22).**

God made it easy for both by removing all other choices.

(Prov.18:22) "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord."

(Gen.29:25a) "So it came about in the morning that, **behold, it was Leah!**" (God's choice)

Operation flesh (Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus) [Worldly Thinking] blinded him to the reality of the truth of the directive will of God (Rom.8:5-8).

Jacob was in love with a mystical mate based on sight not faith (2 Cor.5:7) (Angelic Conflict)

5. **Jacob engaged in fantasy so as not to deal with reality.**

In fantasy, Jacob was able to create his own perfect mate (grass greener on other side).

Jesus warns this person that he would love one (Rachel / fantasy) and hate the other (Leah / reality) (Matt.6:24).

The person who engages in this type of fantasy becomes emotionally disconnected and numb to the truth of reality. He goes through the motions of emotions and hardness of heart (Eph.4:20-22, 31-32).

Over the years, I have come to feel sorry for Rachel who was betrayal by believers she loved and trusted.

(Col.3:2) "**Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.**" (Prov.18:22; James 1:17) God's directive will is immutable)

Think of the chaos the devil created in the life of the last patriarchal heir to the messianic seed!

- (1 Cor.14:33) Bigamy: Four mothers of 12 sons of Israel.

But Leah, like Mary, was the chosen mother of the messianic seed (Matt.1:2) [Judah] (Gen.35:23-24).